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DAIRY PRODUCTS PRICES HIGHLIGHTS

Cheddar Cheese prices received for US 40 pound Blocks averaged \$1.62 per pound for the week ending December 12. The price per pound increased 3.8 cents from the previous week. The price for US 500 pound Barrels adjusted to 38 percent moisture averaged \$1.52 per pound, down slightly from the previous week.

Butter prices received for 25 kilogram and 68 pound boxes meeting USDA Grade AA standards averaged \$1.45 per pound for the week ending December 12. The U.S. price per pound decreased 4.6 cents from the previous week.

Nonfat Dry Milk prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade or USPH Grade A standards averaged \$1.28 per pound for the week ending December 12. The U.S. price per pound increased 1.4 cents from the previous week.

Dry Whey prices received for bag, tote and tanker sales meeting USDA Extra Grade standards averaged 36.3 cents per pound for the week ending December 12. The U.S. price per pound increased 0.1 cents from the previous week.



Dear Friends,

A special **Thank You**, to those of you who have taken time to answer our surveys throughout 2009! You have made it possible for us to produce the quality statistics that today's agriculture requires.

The Staff of USDA, NASS, Indiana Field Office wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a season of joy and peace.

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CORN AND SOYBEAN CROPPING PRACTICES

During the forecast period for corn and soybeans, counts and measurements are made by trained enumerators who visit randomly selected plots in a scientific sampling of farmers' fields in the major producing states. The following tables represent sample data and averages obtained from these counts. The resulting data, which is subject to some sampling fluctuations, are not official Agricultural Statistics Boards estimates, but they do show trends in corn and soybean cropping practices over a period of years.

The 2009 corn plant population increased in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, and Ohio. The average row width in Indiana decreased 0.3 inches from the previous year at 29.7 inches. Average row spacing of soybeans in Indiana increased 0.9 inches to 14.9 in 2009 compared to 14.0 last year.



CORN FOR GRAIN: PLANT POPULATION PER ACRE INDIANA AND SELECTED STATES, 2005-2009 ^{1/}

State	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Illinois	28,000	28,000	28,100	28,900	29,600
Indiana	25,200	26,350	27,350	28,350	28,350
Iowa	28,000	28,600	29,100	29,250	29,400
Ohio	25,600	26,200	26,600	27,800	28,200

^{1/} Based on stalk counts in plots selected for objective yield samples.

CORN FOR GRAIN: PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS BY ROW WIDTH AND AVERAGE ROW WIDTH, INDIANA

Year	Number of Samples	Row Width (Inches) ^{1/}						Average Row Width
		20.5 or less	20.6 - 30.5	30.6 - 34.5	34.6 - 36.5	36.6 - 38.5	38.6 & Greater	
	No.				Percent			Inches
2005	174	2.9	67.4	21.8	3.4	3.4	1.1	30.4
2006	161	0.0	73.2	15.5	7.5	1.9	1.9	31.0
2007	171	3.5	73.0	16.4	4.7	1.2	1.2	30.1
2008	202	4.5	73.2	17.8	1.5	2.5	0.5	30.0
2009	152	3.9	75.7	19.7	0.0	0.7	0.0	29.7

^{1/} Spacings based on row measurements in sample plots selected for objective yield survey.

SOYBEANS: PODS WITH BEANS PER 18 SQUARE FEET INDIANA AND SELECTED STATES, 2005-2009 ^{1/}

State	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009 ^{2/}
Illinois	1,858	1,923	1,831	1,829	1,676
Indiana	1,899	1,909	1,641	1,659	1,583
Iowa	1,970	1,760	1,932	1,775	1,868
Ohio	1,981	1,866	1,909	1,616	1,757

^{1/} Based on pod counts in plots selected for objective yield samples.

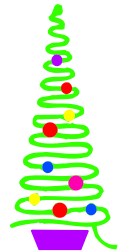
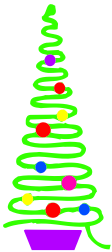
^{2/} 2009 based on November counts, final pod counts will be published in January.

SOYBEANS: PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTIONS BY ROW WIDTH AND AVERAGE ROW WIDTH, INDIANA

Year	Number of Samples	Row Width (Inches) ^{1/}					Average Row Width ^{2/}
		10.0 & Less ^{2/}	10.1 - 18.5	18.6 - 28.5	28.6 - 34.5	34.6 & Greater	
	No.			Percent			Inches
2005	161	39.4	49.7	2.8	7.2	0.9	13.7
2006	151	46.7	45.7	2.0	5.6	0.0	12.7
2007	165	36.4	52.4	1.8	8.2	1.2	13.9
2008	187	30.8	60.6	2.4	6.2	0.0	14.0
2009	159	25.6	61.8	3.5	8.8	0.3	14.9

^{1/} Based on row measurements in sample plots selected for objective yield samples.

^{2/} Broadcast soybeans included as "10.0 inches and less" but excluded in computation of average width.



INDIANA MILK PRODUCTION UP 4 PERCENT

Indiana's milk production totaled 274 million pounds during November 2009, up 4 percent from a year earlier. The number of milk cows on farms totaled 169,000 head, up 1 percent from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.0 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from production in these same States in November 2008.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,679 pounds for November, 25 pounds above November 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 6,000 head less than October 2009, and 209,000 head less than November 2008.

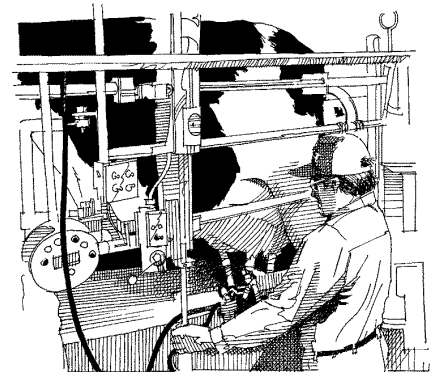
🐮 Thanks, Dairy Farmers 🐮

**MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION
INDIANA, AND SELECTED STATES, NOVEMBER 2008-2009**

State	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	Thousand Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
INDIANA	167	169	1,580	1,620	264	274	104
Illinois	102	101	1,470	1,510	150	153	102
Iowa	215	215	1,630	1,670	350	359	103
Michigan	353	354	1,780	1,810	628	641	102
Minnesota	467	469	1,525	1,535	712	720	101
Ohio	277	276	1,460	1,500	404	414	102
Wisconsin	1,254	1,258	1,565	1,630	1,963	2,051	104
23 State Total	8,519	8,310	1,654	1,679	14,089	13,089	99

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.



TURKEY HATCHERY

Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2009, in the United States totaled 25.8 million, down 7 percent from December 1, 2008. Eggs in incubators were down 1 percent from the November 1, 2009 total of 26.0 million

eggs. Turkey poults hatched during November 2009 in the United States totaled 21.5 million, down 2 percent from November 2008. Poults hatched were down 2 percent from October 2009.

ALL TURKEYS

Geographic Division <u>1/</u>	Eggs in Incubators December 1		Percent of Previous Year	Eggs Hatched During November		Percent of Previous Year
	2008	2009		2008	2009	
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E N Central	4,032	3,920	97	3,537	3,292	93
W N Central	11,193	11,166	100	8,815	9,172	104
N & S Atlantic	9,368	8,122	87	7,734	6,783	88
S Central & West	3,161	2,551	81	1,919	2,253	117
U.S.	27,754	25,759	93	22,005	21,500	98

1/ E N Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, and WI; W N Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, and SD; N & S Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, and WV; S Central and West: AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, ID, KY, LA, MS, MT, NM, NV, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, WA, and WY.

MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTION

U.S. butter production during October 2009 was 112 million pounds, 14.3 percent below October 2008 but 18.3 percent above September 2009. American type cheese production totaled 347 million pounds for the month, 1.2 percent above October 2008 and 2.3 percent above September 2009. Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 861 million pounds, 1.3 percent above October 2008 and 2.2 percent above September 2009. Creamed cottage cheese production was 28.0 million pounds, and lowfat cottage cheese in the U.S. totaled 33.9 million pounds.

The Nation's dairy plants produced 70.2 million gallons of hard ice cream during October 2009, down 0.7 percent from the same period last year. Hard lowfat ice cream output totaled 10.9 million gallons, up 11.7 percent from the October 2008 level. Hard sherbet production was 3.39 million gallons for the month, down 18.7 percent from the previous year. Total frozen yogurt production was 5.18 million gallons, down 3.4 percent from October 2008.

PRODUCTION OF DAIRY PRODUCTS UNITED STATES, OCTOBER 2009 WITH COMPARISONS ^{1/}

Product	Oct 2008	Sep 2009	Oct 2009	Percent of	
				Oct 2008	Sep 2009
	<u>Million Pounds</u>			<u>Percent</u>	
Butter	130.6	94.6	111.9	86	118
American Cheese <u>2/</u>	343.2	339.2	347.2	101	102
All Cheese	850.2	843.0	861.2	101	102
Cottage Cheese, Curd	36.3	40.1	37.2	103	93
Cottage Cheese, Cream	27.5	31.6	28.0	102	88
Cottage Cheese, Lowfat	32.8	34.9	33.9	103	97
Sour Cream	102.0	93.0	108.5	106	117
	<u>Million Gallons</u>			<u>Percent</u>	
Frozen Products					
Ice Cream (Hard)	70.7	74.4	70.2	99	94
Lowfat Ice Cream (Hard)	9.7	11.3	10.9	112	96
Sherbet (Hard)	4.2	4.4	3.4	81	78
Frozen Yogurt	5.4	5.8	5.2	97	89

^{1/} Percents may not calculate due to rounding.

^{2/} Includes Cheddar, Colby, Monterey, and Jack.



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